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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : SCC Meeting on Broadcasting (C)

1. On Thursday, 6 December, there will be an SCC meeting, part of which will focus on the USG's overt broadcasting (VOA, RFE and RL). Specifically Dr. Brzezinski is interested in strengthening the ability to broadcast to Muslims whether in the Soviet Union (RFE/RL) or in the non-Bloc world (VOA). (S)

2. While the main thrust will be on the other agencies, there will be a significant input required from FBIS to provide basic material which will be of help in any expanded broadcasting. The NSC has often expressed their desire for enhanced FBIS coverage to include the ability (a) to monitor Soviet vernacular broadcasts to the "arc of crisis" area; (b) to cover daily Soviet clandestine broadcasts (e.g. Azeri broadcasts over Radio Baku); and (c) to improve indigenous coverage within the area of concern (e.g. to know who incited Pakistani attack on Americans). In this regard I note that the DDO has provided you a memo on general NSC interest in FBIS handling of Soviet Near East broadcasts (copy attached). (S)

3. To prepare for the upcoming SCC, at which time we may have an excellent opportunity to spell out what we need for FBIS, I would like to have talking points prepared for both the Director and myself. These talking points should note:

- a. Current capability: what we are now doing (coverage, sites, personnel, dollars) against targets of NSC interest.
- b. Enhanced capability: what we would need to meet all NSC requirements (sites, personnel, dollars) and how long it would take to implement.

Please provide me with this paper for review by COB Tuesday, 4 December. If any further information is needed with respect to NSC interests, please contact [redacted] Red. (C)

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Attachment

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